

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. -6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A compact banknote safe, comprising:

a banknote storing section;

a first driven lever mounted in the banknote storing section for receiving a driving force;

a translating unit for non-rotationally displacing a pushing board to move a banknote into the banknote storing section, the pushing board being operated by a second driven lever; and

an elastic member attached between the first driven lever and the second driven lever, the elastic member applies a variable contraction force and elastically linking the movement of the first driven lever to the second driven lever,

wherein the first driven lever can receive a driving force to move in a first direction thereby moving the second driven lever and causing the pushing board to move a banknote into the banknote storing section.

8. (Original) The compact banknote safe of Claim 7, further comprising:

a banknote access door for removing stored banknotes from the banknote storing section.

9. (Previously Presented) The compact banknote safe of Claim 7,

wherein the translating unit includes the pushing board and a parallel linkage assembly.

1           10.   (Original) The compact banknote safe of Claim 7,  
2                   wherein the elastic member is a spring.

1           11.   (Original) The compact banknote safe of Claim 7,  
2                   wherein the elastic member is a rubber band.

1           12.-17. (Cancelled)

1           18.   (New) The compact banknote safe of Claim 9,

2                   wherein the parallel linkage assembly further comprises:

3                   a first link member having a first end, and a second end, the first end of the first  
4 link member being radially attached to a first shaft, the first shaft is rotated about an axis of the  
5 first shaft so that the second end of the first link member moves around the first shaft;

6                   a second link member having a first end, and a second end, the first end of the  
7 second link member being radially attached to a second shaft, the second shaft can be rotated  
8 about the axis of the second shaft so that the second end of the second link member moves  
9 around the second shaft, the axes of the first shaft and the second shaft being parallel to each  
10 other, the first shaft and the second shaft being located a predetermined distance apart; and

11                  a first bracket member mounted to the pushing board and to the second end of the  
12 first link member and the second end of the second link member by pins so that the bracket  
13 member will not rotate during displacement as the first shaft is rotated a predetermined amount.

1           19.   (New) The compact banknote safe of Claim 9,  
2                wherein the translating unit includes a sliding board mounted between the parallel  
3 linkage assembly and the pushing board to allow the pushing board to maintain contact with a  
4 moving banknote without slipping.

1           20.   (New) The compact banknote safe of Claim 18,  
2                wherein the parallel linkage assembly further comprises:  
3                a third link member mounted parallel to the second link member, the third link  
4 member having a first end, and a second end, the first end of the third link member being radially  
5 attached to the second shaft, the second shaft can be rotated about the axis of the second shaft so  
6 that the second end of the third link member moves around the second shaft; and  
7                a second bracket member mounted parallel to the first bracket member,  
8                wherein the first link member is mounted between the first bracket member and  
9 the second bracket member while the second link member is mounted on the first bracket  
10 member on a side opposite from the first link member and the third link member is mounted on  
11 the second bracket member on the side opposite the first link member so that the parallel linkage  
12 assembly enables a non-rotational operative movement of the pushing board during contact with  
13 a banknote.

1           21.   (New) The compact banknote safe of Claim 18,  
2                wherein the first bracket member is triangular in shape.